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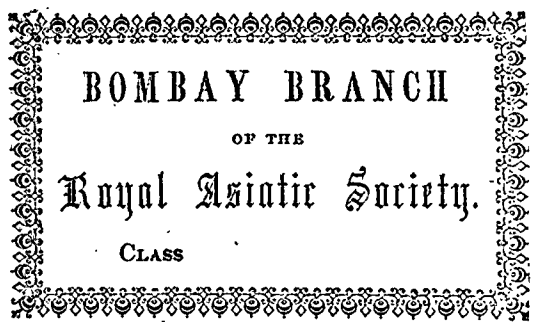
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MILITARY WORKS.

GENERAL REMARKS.

1. The following stations remained under the control of the Bombay Public Works Department during the year :—

Poona District.

Ahmednagar, Sirúr, | Purandhar, Khandála,

Sátára.

Bombay District.

Málegaon, Bhúj, | Baroda, Surat,

Thána.

Deesa District.

Ahmedabad, | Rájkot.

2. The expenditure during the year on Military Works (including contributions), amounted to Rs. 2,05,973, of which Rs. 81,571 was for original works, Rs. 71,991 for repairs, Rs. 24,073 for establishment, Rs. 1,563 for tools and plant, Rs. 7,600 for suspense, and for Barrack Department, Rs. 19,175.

3. The Military Works Revenue for the year amounted to Rs. 11,365.

4. The land and buildings in the Marine Lines, reserved for the use of the Military Department, were handed over to the Military Works Department in October 1894.

5. The works carried out during the year under each head were as follows :—

I.—ACCOMMODATION FOR TROOPS.

EUROPEAN.—1. NEW BUILDINGS, INCLUDING SUBSIDIARY, AUXILIARY, AND HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION, IN THE PLAINS.

6. The new Regimental Gymnasium building for British Infantry, described in the last report, was completed during the year, and the gymnasium apparatus removed into it. The estimated cost is Rs. 18,734, the outlay during the year was Rs. 10,451, and the total outlay Rs. 17,155. Ahmednagar.

EUROPEAN.—3. IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS IN THE PLAINS.

7. The work of providing a Mangalore-tiled roof to the Station Hospital at Sátára, in progress last year, was completed during the year, at a cost of Rs. 6,311, against the estimate of Rs. 6,338. Sátára.

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V.—STAFF AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Hubli.

8. An Armoury, Store-room, and Magazine, for the Southern Marátha Railway Volunteer Corps at Hubli, were put in hand during the year, and practically completed at a cost of Rs. 6,196, against the estimate of Rs. 7,187. The construction of these buildings was undertaken by this Department at the request of the Government of Madras, Military Department, from contributions.

VI.—STUDS.

Ahmednagar.

9. Additions and alterations to the Remount stables at Ahmednagar, commenced in the past year, were completed during the year, and Rs. 7,713 spent, against the estimate of Rs. 8,115, the outlay of the year being Rs. 4,879.

VIII.—GENERAL CANTONMENT WORKS.

1.—Water-supply.

Ahmedabad.

10. The only work of importance in progress during the year was the extension of the Municipal water-supply to the Cantonment at Ahmedabad. Sanction for the work, estimated to cost Rs. 62,738, was received in July 1894, and the total expenditure incurred during the year was Rs. 3,730, exclusive of the value of London supplies, which are roughly estimated to cost Rs. 16,200. The mound for receiving the high level tanks has been constructed, and the pipes and other materials, required from England, have been ordered through the Secretary of State. Some of these pipes have been received, and the work of laying and completing the connections will be put in hand as soon as the required materials, which are expected shortly, have arrived.

Sátára.

11. The work in connection with the Sátára Camp Water-supply has been fully described in previous reports. During the year the head-works, with scouring pipes for settling tank, filter-bed, and service reservoir, and the house-connections to the Military buildings were completed. The total expenditure to the end of the year was Rs. 69,441, against the estimate of Rs. 73,651.

IX.—FORTIFICATIONS.

Rájkot.

12. Defence works for the Rájkot District Jail were completed during the year, at a cost of Rs. 4,700, the sanctioned grant being Rs. 4,770. The work comprised two bastions with loopholes, and a well.

Ahmednagar.

13. Portions of the counterscarp wall of the old Fort of Ahmednagar had been forced out of the perpendicular, and had fallen, or were in danger of falling into the fort ditch. These weak lengths have been entirely dismantled, and rebuilt from the foundations up to the original height. The estimate provides for rebuilding lengths totalling 435 feet, and of these about 300 feet have been completed; the average height is 16 feet, and mean width 4 feet; a batter of 1 in 12 has been given, and narrow weep holes have been left. The work is of good uncoursed rubble. The amount of the estimate is Rs. 6,754, and the expenditure during the year was Rs. 3,505.

MINOR WORKS AND REPAIRS.

14. At other stations no new works of any importance were carried out during the year; the operations were confined to minor works, and the maintenance and repairs of existing buildings, water-supply works, and cantonment roads.